

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior

§ 901.30

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§ 901.25 Approval of Alabama abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

The following is a list of the dates amendments were submitted to OSM,

Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
June 15, 1987	July 7, 1988	Alabama policies and procedures for land acquisition, management and disposal of property, and reclamation on private lands.
April 25, 1990	August 31, 1990	Emergency program.
June 26, 1992	January 12, 1993	Ranking and selection of AML projects.
October 1, 1993	June 30, 1994	Eligibility and definition of AML.
December 5, 1994	August 15, 1995	Ranking and selection of AML projects; administrative and management structure.

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§ 901.30 State-Federal cooperative agreement.

The Governor of the State of Alabama and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Secretary) enter into a Cooperative Agreement (Agreement) to read as follows:

ARTICLE I: INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

A. *Authority:* This agreement is authorized by section 523(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (the Act), 30 U.S.C. 1273(c), which allows a State with a permanent regulatory program approved by the Secretary under 30 U.S.C. 1253, to elect to enter into an Agreement for State regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands. This Agreement provides for State regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Alabama subject to the Federal lands program (30 CFR parts 740-746), consistent with State and Federal Acts governing such activities, and the Alabama State Program (Program).

B. *Purpose:* The purposes of this Agreement are to (a) foster Federal-State cooperation in the regulation of surface coal mining and reclamation operations; (b) minimize inter-governmental overlap and duplication; and (c) provide uniform and effective application of the Program on all lands in Alabama in accordance with the Act, the Program, and this Agreement.

the dates when the Director's decision approving all, or portions of these amendments, were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and the State citations or a brief description of each amendment. The amendments in this table are listed in order of the date of final publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

C. *Responsible Administrative Agencies:* The Alabama Surface Mining Commission (ASMC) shall be responsible for administering this Agreement on behalf of the Governor. The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the Secretary.

ARTICLE II: EFFECTIVE DATE

After it has been signed by the Secretary and the Governor, this Agreement shall be effective 30 days after publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER as a final rule. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided in Article XI.

ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS

The terms and phrases used in this Agreement which are defined in the Act, 30 CFR 700, 701, and 740, the approved State Program and the State Act, and in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to those Acts, shall be given the meanings set forth in said definitions. Where there is a conflict between the above referenced State and Federal definitions, the definitions used in the approved State Program will apply, except in the case of a term which defines the Secretary's continuing responsibilities under the Act and other laws.

ARTICLE IV: APPLICABILITY

In accordance with the Federal lands program in 30 CFR part 745, the laws, regulations, terms and conditions of the Program are applicable to lands in Alabama subject to